

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #10

DOWN ELECTRICAL WIRE

Purpose: To ensure Firefighter and Public safety in the event of a Downed Electrical Wire.

Scope: To provide guidance to Firefighters on how to handle a Down Electrical Wire incident and to ensure proper safety. Although this procedure will not accommodate every situation, it will provide general guidance to the Firefighter to make sound decisions.

Apparatus Response:

1. 15-21
2. 15-41
3. Unit requested by I.C.

Upon arrival at scene Establish Incident Command:

1. If no officer is available, the most senior Firefighter will be in charge as I.C. If there is a question of seniority, the driver of the pumper will be the I.C.
2. I.C. is to give a scene size up report.
3. If/when transferring command, be sure to communicate all information that has been noted and all decisions made.

Actions:

1. All Firefighters must maintain at least 25ft from the Down Electrical Wire.
2. If a Firefighter is unsure of what type of wire it is treat it as though it is an energized Electrical Wire (DO NOT TOUCH IT!).
3. If the Electrical Wire falls across the road, keep one truck at the scene and the other two trucks should block off the road at the closest crossroads to redirect traffic.
4. Do not, at any time, attempt to move the Electrical Wire. Leave this to the properly trained personnel from the proper Electrical Company.
5. If any utility wire is down on scene, it will be marked with at least four green cones. Green cones are in the storage area above the pump panel on 15-21 and on the rear of 15-31. Cones will be placed a minimum of 25 feet away from the wire on either side. The cones will be placed at the beginning and end of the contact points with the ground. Caution or danger tape will be placed between the cones to cordon off the length of the wire. Green cones will be utilized for marking utility wires only.

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Clearing the Scene:

1. Once you are notified, by the proper Electrical Company, that the situation is controlled and safe you must get an IN# and name of the utility company employee, or if no employee is on scene get the IN# from Central Dispatch.
2. I.C. will clear the department from the location with Central Dispatch.
3. All apparatus and equipment will be refueled before returning to the station.
4. Everyone shall report back to the station for cleanup.

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